

Amendments of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-81. (Canceled)

82. (New) A system for locking an item, said system comprising:

a containing element configured to receive and enclose said item, said containing element comprising a seating area adapted to seat said item; and

a lock comprising:

a base having a portion configured to move inside said containing element when said containing element is closed; and

a first catch mechanism attached to said portion and configured to be moved relative to said portion by a magnetic field.

83. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said containing element comprises a first enclosing member and a second enclosing member, said containing element enclosing said item when said first enclosing member is moved to a position adjacent said second enclosing member.

84. (New) The system of claim 83 wherein said first enclosing member is hinged to said second enclosing member.

85. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said catch mechanism is configured to automatically engage said containing element when said portion is disposed inside said

containing element and is urged toward the outside of said containing element.

86. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said catch mechanism comprises at least one component subject to a magnetic force when said catch mechanism is in the presence of said magnetic field.

87. (New) The system of claim 86 wherein said component comprises metal.

88. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said catch mechanism is configured to be displaced by a magnetic field, when said containing element is closed, from a first position inside said containing element to a second position inside said containing element.

89. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said item is a storage medium.

90. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said item is a recording medium.

91. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said catch mechanism is moveable to a position in which said catch mechanism does not extend beyond a periphery of said base.

92. (New) The system of claim 91 wherein said catch mechanism comprises at least one component subject to a magnetic force in the presence of a magnetic field.

93. (New) The system of claim 92 wherein said component comprises metal.

94. (New) The system of claim 91 wherein application of said magnetic field is effective to move said catch mechanism to said position.

95. (New) The system of claim 94 wherein said catch mechanism is moveable to a position in which a portion of said catch mechanism extends beyond said periphery.

96. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said containing element comprises an indent adapted to receive a finger of a user.

97. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said containing element is further configured to receive a memory card.

98. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said containing element comprises a document retaining member.

99. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said document retaining member includes a gripping element.

100. (New) The system of claim 99 wherein said gripping element comprises a rib.

101. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said containing element comprises a hub configured to retain said item.

102. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said portion is configured to support a security tag.

103. (New) The system of claim 83 wherein at least one of said first and second enclosing members comprises a loop configured to receive said portion.

104. (New) The system of claim 83 wherein:  
said first enclosing member comprises a first loop and said second enclosing member comprises a second loop; and,  
when said containing element is locked, said lock is present in said first loop and in said second loop.

105. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein:  
said lock further comprises a handle portion;  
and,  
when said containing element is locked, said handle portion is not enclosed in said containing element.

106. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said magnetic field is emitted by a magnetic decoupler.

107. (New) The system of claim 106 wherein said magnetic field is configured to decouple said catch mechanism from said containing element.

108. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein said lock further comprises a second catch mechanism attached to said portion and configured to be moved relative to said portion by a magnetic field.

109. (New) A system for locking an item, said system comprising:

a containing element configured to receive and enclose said item, said containing element comprising a seating area adapted to seat said item; and

a lock comprising:

a base having a portion configured to move inside said containing element when said containing element is closed; and

a first catch mechanism attached to said portion and configured to be moved relative to said portion by a magnetic field;  
wherein:

said first catch mechanism is movable between a first position, a second position in which said first catch mechanism does not extend beyond a periphery of said base, and a third position in which all of said first catch mechanism is disposed outside said periphery, wherein said first position is between said second position and said third position.

110. (New) The system of claim 109 wherein said base comprises at least one first flange extending therefrom.

111. (New) The system of claim 110 wherein said catch mechanism comprises a second flange extending therefrom, said second flange configured to engage said first flange.

112. (New) The system of claim 111 wherein:

said first and second flanges are configured to restrain said catch mechanism from moving to said third position; and

said catch mechanism is configured to be moved from said third position to one of said first and second positions before said lock is inserted in said containing element.

113. (New) The system of claim 112 wherein said flanges are hook-shaped.

114. (New) The system of claim 109 wherein said containing element comprises a first enclosing member and a second enclosing member, said containing element enclosing said item when said first enclosing member is moved to a position adjacent said second enclosing member.

115. (New) The system of claim 114 wherein first enclosing member is hinged to said second enclosing member.

116. (New) The system of claim 109 wherein said catch mechanism is configured to automatically engage said containing element when said portion is disposed inside said containing element and is urged toward the outside of said containing element.

117. (New) The system of claim 109 wherein said catch mechanism comprises at least one component subject to a magnetic force when said catch mechanism is in the presence of said magnetic field.

118. (New) A locking member for use with a lockable container including a locking channel, said locking member comprising:

a base configured to be inserted into said channel; and

at least a first catch mechanism attached to said base and configured to be moved relative to said base by a magnetic field.

119. (New) An asset locking system comprising:

a closable containing element comprising a first locking element and a second locking element, said first locking element configured to be drawn together with said second locking element to close said containing element, said first and second locking elements enclosed within said containing element when said containing element is closed; and

a locking member comprising a base configured to be present within said first locking element and said second locking element when said containing element is closed.